

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorber (6) for vehicle bumper (2), comprising:
a support (12); and
strips (32, 34) extending forwards from the support and having a face (38) directed towards the interior of the absorber, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it has for each strip, an opening (36) extending opposite the face (38) and opening onto the exterior of the absorber, ~~wherein each strip (32, 34) extends from a longitudinal edge (18, 20) of the support (12).~~
2. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, the face (38) being a first face, each strip (32, 34) has a second face (40) directed towards the exterior of the absorber.
3. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 2 ~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ wherein each strip (32, 34) is planar.
4. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 3 ~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ wherein each strip (32, 34) extends in a horizontal plane.
5. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 4 ~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ wherein each strip (32, 34) extends from only one of the lower and upper halves of the support (12).
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 1 ~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ wherein the strips (32, 34) extend from one of the upper and lower halves of the support 12, alternating along the support.

8. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 7 ~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized it~~ comprises a strengthening rib (42) for each strip (32, 34).

9. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 8 ~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized it~~ has at each longitudinal end, an end area (50) with a length larger than a larger width of the strips (32, 34).

10. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 9 ~~the preceding claim, characterized in that~~ wherein each end area (50) is without any strip.

11. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 9 or Claim 10 ~~at least any one of claims 9 or 10, characterized in that~~ wherein each end area (50) is arranged so as to exhibit greater stiffness with regards to impact from the front than any area of the absorber provided with strips.

12. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 9 ~~at least any one of claims 9 to 11, characterized in that~~ wherein each end area (50) has vertical ribs (22, 24, 52).

13. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 12 ~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ wherein it has a front wall (46) in contact with the strips (32, 34) and extending at the front of the latter.

14. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 13 ~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ wherein the support (12) comprises a vertical wall (14) from which extend the strips.

15. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 14~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~wherein the support (12) is arranged so as to exhibit greater stiffness with regards to impact from the front than any area of the absorber provided with strips.

16. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 15~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~wherein the support (12) comprises ribs (22, 24).

17. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 16~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~wherein the support (12) comprises a horizontal wall (16).

18. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to Claim 17~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~wherein it is arranged so as to be wholly manufactured by moulding between two mould portions (60, 62) mobile relatively to each other.

19. (Currently Amended) A vehicle bumper, ~~characterized in that~~wherein it comprises an absorber according to Claim 18~~at least any one of the preceding claims.~~

20. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an absorber according to Claim 19~~at least any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~wherein the absorber is manufactured by moulding.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 20~~the preceding claim, characterized in that~~wherein the absorber is moulded between two mould portions (60, 62) mobile relatively to each other along a direction (Z) corresponding to the vertical direction of the absorber.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 20 or Claim 21~~any of both of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~wherein the whole of the absorber is moulded by means of two mould portions (60, 62) mobile relatively to each other.